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The ROSETTA STONE.—Most readers are familiar with the fact that what little is known of the hieroglyphic language of ancient Egypt we owe to the comparison of the inscriptions in Greek and Hieroglyph on the Rosetta Stone. The stone was found in the year 1799, and it is now in the British Museum, where it was deposited after it was captured by the French by the British forces in Egypt. A distinguished citizen of this country related to the New York Journal of Commerce, a few days since, an anecdote connected with the history of this valuable stone which is worthy of preservation. Many years ago a number of gentlemen were one evening conversing in a club room in New York. Among the party present was Chancellor Kent, Mr. Gallatin, Professor S. F. Morse, and other eminent Americans, and also Sir Hillgrove Turner, a British officer. The conversation turned to the Rosetta Stone, and Sir Hillgrove said that he was the officer who was charged with the task of collecting the antiquities which the French army had secured, and transmitting them to England. In executing his orders he visited the headquarters of the scientific gentlemen attached to the French army, and received from them information as to the various articles and their place of deposit. As he was leaving he saw a stone lying on the ground, with its rough side uppermost. Touching it with his boot, he said what it was, and received a reply which indicated that it was of no value. One of his men, however, turned it over, and seeing that it bore an inscription, he ordered it to be carried away. He was instantly surrounded by the French savants, who implored him to let it go. They insisted that the inscription was of great interest, and he yielded to their importunity. The stone was subsequently sent to England, and there it was examined by Dr. Young, whose investigations on the original stone in England, and Champollion's on the plaster cast in Paris, resulted in giving us pretty much all the information we possess in regard to the writings on the Egyptian monuments.

It may be interesting to some readers to add a brief explanation of the manner in which this stone became so valuable. A comparison of the Greek with the Hieroglyphic inscription was carefully made.

They gave, in two languages, the same meaning.

It was found that the British Museum

had possession of a copy of the stone,

and that it was the original.

It was the original which was

so valuable.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1864.

The struggle at Petersburg continues, and for aught that appears, may continue for some time. The Federal troops, it is said, retain all the positions they have captured, and although they met with occasional reverse, they are making progress almost every day. The rebels however are strengthening their main works, which cannot be carried without fearful slaughter. Both parties seem to know that Richmond will belong to the conquerors, and the knowledge impels them to fight as soldiers have rarely if ever fought on earth.

Gen. Grant succeeded in this great struggle, and the vast honor he has hitherto won will be increased ten fold. There will be no brighter or loftier name than his in all the military annals of the world.

POSITION OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.—The telegraphic despatches contain the following announcement, which is no doubt authentic:

New York, June 22.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Democratic party, held here to-day, it was voted that, in deference to the views of many of the members of the party for membership in the Conservative Union Democratic party throughout the country, the meeting of the Democratic National Convention be postponed until August, 20th, 1864.

(Signed) AUGUST BELMONT,

Chairman.

Frances O. Pierce, Secretary.

We think this step, all things considered, is wise. Chairman of the national committee states that the state is taken "in deference to the desire of a very large number of leading members of the Conservative Union Democratic party throughout the country."

If a General has a passion for fighting like a man in the ranks, he had better resign his generalship and go into the ranks. No doubt reckless expense is a chivalrous fault, but it is not a mope mischievous one.

How well and truly the good wiz Walter Scott, in his Roderick, has said:

Hearts are not rock, and stone is rent;

The lion's heart, though bound up in triple steel, at the first touch of some bold brawling infusor, has a roar to fit the Rie-

mond Whig inebriate an effort to stop the

triumph which it tells us that "the first tears shed by John C. Breckinridge since the war were shed on Friday night, the 23rd instant, on account of the death of his favorite horse, that had borne him since the battle of Shiloh."

Poor man poor horse! No one could make him feel his humanity over such an equine misfortune; we have heard of a horse-laugh, and why not a horse-cry? To

think of the redoubtable General, who has

Went to the devil from his very arm

and never betrayed the switching of a mouse till his horse was killed, and then bled.

John will write an epistle, we suppose: "Mulus ille flectit."

He is a wheel-Barrow.

The New York world announces the

"opening of a great railroad artery." Won't

that railroad bleed to death?

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South Carolina for South Carolina's sake, to

Georgia for Georgia's sake, and to Louisiana

and Texas for Louisiana's and Texas's sake?

Does it claim or think of claiming the par-

icular thanks of those States because it believes

that it can fight the rebellion upon their soil

rather than upon soil north of Mason and

Dixon's line?

Kentucky fully appreciates all that the Ad-

ministration has done or is doing for her ben-

efit, and she would be very stupid not to have

a deep and abiding sense of the great injury

she is sustaining in its hands. The high functionaries of the government have no particu-

larly for her and their organs are contributing

every effort to exasperate them against her as

much as possible.

Gen. Foster, lately informed the War

Department that he was in receipt of a des-

patch from the commander at Charleston,

that the Union General officers, pris-

oners of war, had been sent to those portions

of Charleston subject to our fire. Gen. Fo-

ster asked and received permission to ap-

point an equal number of rebel General of-

ficers to similar posts from the enemy's fire.

There seems to be scarcely any conceivable

violation of the laws of war that is not ba-

bitably practised by the rebels. The rebel

Commander at Charleston would no doubt,

if he wished to attack a fortification, com-

mand a regiment of Federal prisoners to march np in

his front as a protection.

The New Orleans Times considers that the

war party for every exerted

by any despot except upon the pretext that it

was "for the good of the general community?"

The Times is pleased under the gracious an-

ges of Gen. Banks, the hero of Red River!

The Editors of the abolition organ are

angry and swearing to make people think

that the Journal hasn't any influence. If it

hadn't, why do, those Editors think that the

general community? Don't half

the great business of their lives should be to seek at it?

Four tombs slumbering on eagle's back.

The New York Tribune said in the

list of losses that "the election of Mr. Lin-

coln would be like the pointing of a gun to the

troubled water." We trust that it may be

a long time before the troubled sea has its

troubles aggravated by another such out-

rage.

The Albany Evening Journal says that

Gen. Grant and others are driving nail in

Gen. McClellan's coffin. No matter how may

nails they drive in, he isn't in it him-

self.

Gov. Wright of Indiana has written

to say, a radical letter. We hope that he

will write better when he writes again.

The New York Times says that slavery

must perish by the Constitution. What

is that it may perish with the Constitu-

tion?

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The ladies of Rom., Ga., now occupied

by Sherman's troops, are described as very

neat, generally well dressed, altogether

neatly.

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